

## From the Director of Victim Services



Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision week (PPPSWeek) was July 18-24, 2021. It is an annual celebration of the great work done by community corrections professionals each day. We acknowledge our front-line workers who have put their lives on the line to keep communities safe.

Probation/Parole Officers play a critical role in providing public safety for crime victims. Victims of crime have a variety of needs, some of which evolve

throughout the criminal justice process— from arrest to trial to sentencing and beyond. Probation and parole agencies and officials have important obligations for both implementing victims' rights and providing services to victims. When victims are considered "clients" of community corrections agencies, they are more likely to be kept informed and involved and to receive information about and access to community- and system-based services that can help them in the aftermath of a crime. In return, crime victims often are able to share useful information that can be critical to effective management and supervision of defendants/convicted offenders. Proactive engagement of victims ensures two-way communications that are beneficial to victims and to supervising agencies.

Thank you for everything you do, day in and day out.

*Tamika Dobbins*

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## Victim Services Mission

*To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.*

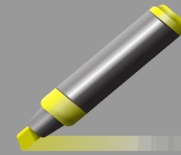
## Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

## Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

# Victims Services Highlights....Let's meet

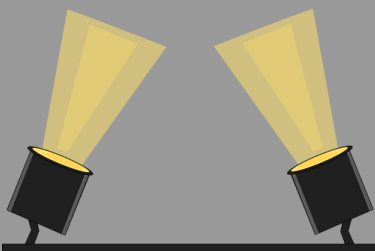


Since we recognized Pretrial, Probation, Parole Supervision week, July 18-24, 2021, we thought we would highlight a team member from Community Supervision. Victim Services collaborates with Community Supervision regularly on victim related issues and concerns.

We had a victim contact us in Victim Services regarding an offender that was being released soon on Community Supervision for Life (CSL) for sex crimes he committed. The victim was very concerned that once released the offender would come after her. We reached out to Susan Siedentop, Statewide Specialized Caseloads Correctional Administrator and her team. They contacted the victim and made sure to set up all zones to alert them if the offender goes to the area where the victim resides. They also added an extra zone for her husband's employment and stated "We will monitor him closely and hope that gives her some peace."

Correctional Administrator **Susan Siedentop** has worked in the forensic field for almost 30 years. Her experience includes working with law enforcement, child victims of abuse, and working with delinquent and gang involved youth in the Chicago area. She was a member of the Northern IL Critical Incident Stress Management Team. After relocating to Tennessee, she worked in Davidson County overseeing a program for domestic violence and child abuse before taking a position as a Probation Parole Officer II (PPO) for Community Supervision. She served in several roles over the next few years including PPO3 and Programmed Supervision Unit (PSU) Manager in District 51. In 2016, she was appointed to the position of Correctional Administrator over Specialized Caseloads which includes the PSU (Sex Offenders). She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Tennessee and Illinois. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Olivet Nazarene University and a Master's of Social Work from the University of Illinois – Urbana. In January 2017, she was appointed by Commissioner Parker to the Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Board as the Presiding Officer. In this position, she assists in setting the standards for sex offender evaluation and treatment in Tennessee.

Thank you Susan and the entire Community Supervision team for all you do to assist victims in Tennessee!



## Supporting Children Navigating the Justice System

Children are some of the most vulnerable members of society and they are frequently victims of, or witnesses to, violence and abuse. As a result, children are often required to encounter and navigate the justice system. This system can be intimidating, confusing, and re-traumatizing for adults, let alone for children.

The Office for Victims of Crime announces the release of *Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials*, which is intended to support children and youth during their involvement with the justice system.

Based on the input of national experts, these materials teach children how the justice system works, what their rights are, the roles of the different practitioners they'll meet, and how they can cope with the difficult feelings they might have. For children who have to testify, there are also tips to help them prepare for going to court.

These materials were specifically designed for children. In each of the illustrated narratives, child and youth characters explain how the justice system works in a child-friendly and developmentally appropriate way.

An accompanying Guide for Practitioners and a Guide for Parents and Caregivers provide additional information on how to use the materials, as well as tips for supporting child victims and witnesses.

View *Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials* to learn more at [Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials | OVC \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov/ovc)



## Red Sand Project: Statewide Human Trafficking Initiative

The Tennessee Department of Health and community partners across the state join together for the third consecutive year to participate in the Red Sand Project during Human Trafficking Awareness Week, recognized July 26-31, 2021.

The Red Sand Project is a participatory art installment designed to shed light on human trafficking. The red sand is used to draw attention to the human trafficking victims that fall through the cracks of our society every day. Although Tennessee has been nationally acknowledged for our continuous efforts and improvements, human trafficking continues to remain a major public health concern in our communities. In 2019, the National Human Trafficking Hotline identified 11,500 trafficking situations, with 180 cases reported in Tennessee.

Counties across the state will be participating in the Red Sand Project by pouring natural, nontoxic red sand in sidewalk cracks, creating yard signs, and many other creative demonstrations throughout their communities. To find a Red Sand Project event near you, please reach out to your local health department or visit your local Welcome Center.

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, human trafficking is a demand-driven crime that involves exploiting a person for labor, services, or commercial sex acts, particularly targeting women and children. Human Trafficking is also one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the country, with cases reported in all 50 states.

If you know someone who needs help to escape trafficking, contact the **Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-855-558-6484**.

If you suspect you have come into contact with a victim of human trafficking, you may call the **National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233722**. Hotline staff members will identify resources in your community. For more information on human trafficking and the hotline, visit <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>.

Learn more about the Red Sand Project at <https://redsandproject.org/>.



## Victim Services Monthly Statistics

### Central Office Phone Calls

Telephone Calls	June
Phone calls Received/Returned	159
Parties Registered for Notifications (phone/mail/fax/email)	94
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	3
Referrals	37
Release/Parole Inquiry	62
Other	46

### Central Office Mailed Notifications

Notifications Mailed	June
Registrations/Voice	122
Movement	142
Advance Release	980
Final Release *	48
Death	15
Other	4



### Notification Statistics By Delivery Method Report 06-02-2021 to 06-30-2021

Agency	Month	Email	TTY	SMS	Phone	InApp	Letter	Total
TN Department of Correction	June 2021	2,384.	14.	5,940.	3,002.	88.	1.	11,429.
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# Announcements



The Metro Office of Family Safety, the TN Bureau of Investigation, End Slavery Tennessee and Free for Life International invite you to join us for a panel discussion on

## THE TRUTH ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**Thursday, July 29th**  
**12:00 - 1:00 pm**

In recent years, human trafficking has garnered a lot of attention as advocates and survivors seek solutions to address the issue. Unfortunately, along with this increased awareness comes misconceptions and false portrayals in news outlets and media. This panel of local service providers explores various issues related to human trafficking and debunks prevalent myths about the topic.

Register for more information at <https://bit.ly/3wH5vbe>  
Questions? Email [breannamiller@tjnsnashville.gov](mailto:breannamiller@tjnsnashville.gov)

## 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 24-30, 2022**

**The weeklong initiative promotes victims' rights and honors crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.**

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## NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICE AWARDS



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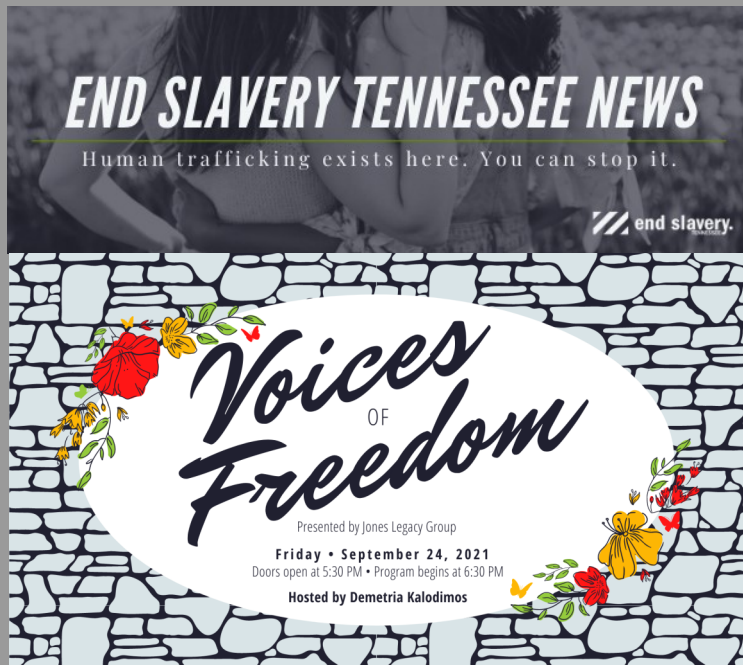
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## Loveless Events Barn

8400 TN-100, Nashville, TN

## Attire: Country Chic

This year's festivities will include a reception, seated dinner, special musical performance, late party and an exclusive look at the future of ESTN. Join us at 5:30 PM for a cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner and program will follow at 6:30 PM.

Tables sell quickly and there are limited seats available. Invite your friends and secure your table today! **TABLES OF 8 & 10 ON SALE NOW!** Early bird pricing available through August 24.



Tennessee Domestic Violence Hotline - 800-356-6767

National Domestic Violence Hotline - 800.799.SAFE

Battered Women's Justice Project - 800.903.0111

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 877.MADD.HELP

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - 800.843.5678

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